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In re patent application of
Yasuo MORIMOTO et al.

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Examiner: Susan D. Coe

For: SIDE EFFECT-RELIEVING AGENTS AND/OR HYPOGLYCEMIC EFFECT
ENHANCES FOR THIAZOLIDINE COMPOUNDS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 24, 2005, Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I, claims 1-8 and 11-18, for prosecution in the subject application.

Further, in reply to the Election of Species Requirement, Applicants hereby elect Bofu-tsusho-san for species A and pioglitazone for species B. Claims 3 and 13 are readable on species A. Claims 4 and 14 are readable on species B. The examiner indicates that claims 1, 2, 5-8, 11, 12 and 15-18 are generic.

Applicant, of course, reserves the right to file a divisional application covering the subject matter of the non-elected claim.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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